

CLAIMS

1) (original) A timing system comprising a base station with means of providing settings and a separate piece with autonomous means to implement these settings when disconnected from the base station.

2) (currently amended) The device in claim 1 ~~A timing system comprising a base station with means of providing settings and a separate piece with autonomous means to implement these settings when disconnected from the base station,~~ wherein the time reference in said autonomous piece is reset when settings are changed before said piece is removed from the base station, so that time accuracy must be maintained only over a single setting.

3) (currently amended) a) ~~The above~~ device in claim 1 where used as the timing function initiates an alarm.

4) (currently amended) ~~d) The above~~ Said alarm in claim 3 where wherein the autonomous part produces an audible alarm and sits near the users ear.

5) (currently amended) ~~e) The~~ Said alarm system in claim 4 wherein the autonomous part sits substantially in within the users ear.

6) (currently amended) a) ~~The above~~ device in claim 5 where the settings include designation of time for an alarm event.

7) (currently amended) ~~b)~~ The above device in claim 6 where used as an alarm clock.